

REMARKS

This amendment is submitted to correct a typographical error. This amendment is submitted under Rule 37 CFR Section 1.312. A Notice of Allowance in this application is dated November 18, 2004. No issue fee has yet been paid.

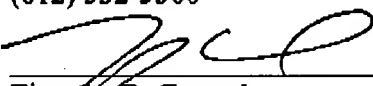
As clearly appears in claim 1, the inclusion of the word "throughout" at the end of the claim is ungrammatical and exists in the claim as a result of a typographical error. Deletion of the word "throughout" makes the final subparagraph d of claim 1 consistent with the final subparagraph d of independent claim 12 and consistent with paragraph b (4) of independent claim 19 and subparagraph d of claim 21.

Applicant apologizes for inclusion of this typographical insert of the word "throughout" in claim 1. Its exclusion from the remaining independent claims indicates it is a typographical error and it is requested that upon recommendation of the primary examiner, the foregoing amendment to claim 1 be entered and notice be provided to the undersigned to permit payment of the issue fee in a timely manner.

Respectfully submitted,

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